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OF: Michio OSADA et al. | Art Unit: 1732

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATE OF MAILING ON
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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the references cited thereon. A copy of a foreign Search Report and a Written Opinion prepared by the Australian Patent Office for the Singaporean Patent Office, as well as the corresponding Singaporean Patent Office Communication issued in a counterpart Singaporean Application on July 4, 2002 is also enclosed.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, to the best knowledge of the undersigned attorney.
- 3) The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, as seen from the Singaporean Patent Office Communication date of July 4, 2002.
- 4) References AA and AB are each accompanied by an English Abstract.
- 5) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the references by category (X = of particular importance as to lack of novelty or as to obviousness

when considered alone). Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).

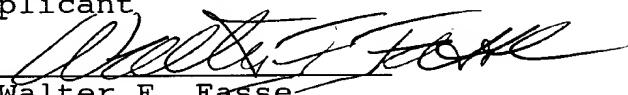
- 6) Also, the enclosed Written Opinion includes a discussion of the relevance of the references in the opinion of an Australian Examiner. This discussion and opinion are not adopted or ratified as accurate by the applicants, but are submitted for the U. S. Examiner's consideration as to why the references may be relevant.
- 7) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 8) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 8 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence with all indicated enclosures is being deposited with the U. S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231, on the date indicated below.

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